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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 5500

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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL DUTCH COMMENTS ON NATO MINISTERIAL

REF: THE HAGUE 5489

ON DECEMBER 14 WE ASKED MFA'S NATO DIRECTOR FOR HIS
EVALUATION OF NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING DECEMBER 10-11.

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HE SAID DUTCH HAD COME AWAY FROM THE MEETING WITH A GLOOMY

FEELING. THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN JOBERT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD HIGHLIGHTED A BASIC DIVERGENCE OF VIEW AS TO HOW US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN UNITY. WHILE SECRETARY KISSINGER CONTENDS THAT US RELATIONSHIPS WITH A UNIFIED EUROPE SHOULD BE OF THE SAME CHARACTER AS THE RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAVE EXISTED IN THE PAST BETWEEN THE US AND ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES, JOBERT MADE CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT AGREE AT ALL. THOUGH THIS WAS NOT NEWS, AND JOBERT WAS NOT EMPOWERED TO SPEAK FOR THE NINE ON THIS MATTER NOR REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT, THE SHEER WEIGHT OF FRANCE REQUIRED THAT ITS POSITION BE RECKONED WITH. THE FAILURE OF THE MEETING TO BRING ABOUT ANY SUBSTANTIAL AMELIORATION OF EXISTING RIFTS IN THE ALLIANCE WAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, SINCE IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT EC SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE. SUMMING UP, DIRECTOR SAID WITH REGRET HE THOUGHT US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS WERE IN FOR ROUGH SAILING.

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